

**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

MAIL STOP RCE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number

09/819,612

Confirmation Number

4173

Filing Date

March 29, 2001

First Named Inventor

SUTO, AKIO

Group Art Unit

2171

Examiner Name

Etienne Pierre Leroux

Matter Number

Q60558

Title

**DISTRIBUTED DATA PROCESSING
SYSTEM AND METHOD OF PROCESSING
DATA IN DISTRIBUTED DATA
PROCESSING SYSTEM**

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
previously filed on January 5, 2004
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
- v. ☐ Other _____

2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. ☒ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a
period of 1 Months
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. FEES

Checks for the RCE statutory fee of \$770.00 and for the Petition fee of \$130.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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Date February 3, 2004